

City of Oakland Park 60th Annual Youth Day Parade Guidelines



- All entries **MUST** decorate to the theme of the 2017 Youth Day Parade and must be appropriate to all viewing audiences. Entries may not solely depict the products or services of a float sponsor. The City reserves the right to approve all parade entries and to deny participation on day of parade.
- To be included in the parade and be part of the judging all entries must be received by Monday, *March 20*. Entries received after the above date may not be permitted to participate in the parade.
- Please schedule your arrival at the parade line-up area between 8:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. All drivers must stay with their units during the staging process.
- Awards will be given out for the Best Business/Civic Group, Best Youth Club/Team, Best Musical/Marching Unit, Most Unique and Best Overall Theme.
- The City of Oakland Park has the authority to reject and/or remove from the parade any unit or entrant who does a disservice to the parade in word or deed, or who in any way misrepresents the conditions of original acceptance.
- Public Safety entries are exempt from decorating to the Youth Day theme.
- Candidates who are running for office ride in the main body of the parade. Vehicles must include the actual candidate and are exempt from decorating to theme.
- Elected officials desiring to be in the parade are placed with the Dignitary line up in front of the main parade body. No political comments may be made by candidates/elected officials at any time along the parade route; elected officials and candidates are exempt from decorating to theme.
- Walkers are permitted but must be costumed according to the Youth Day theme and have the ability to walk the entire parade route.
- All children under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult.
- Alcohol consumption or possession is prohibited while participating in the parade.
- No printed material may be handed out along the parade route.
- ***Candy, toys and trinkets may be handed out but for safety purposes may not be thrown.***
- Stopping along the parade route is only permissible in the judging area.
- Entry size must not exceed 14 feet in height and 9 feet in width.
- Float driver is required to be 18 years old or older, have a valid driver's license and proper insurance.
- All participants are expected to perform courteously, in good taste and with safety in mind at all times. Lewd behavior or decorations will not be tolerated.
- All entries and participants are to be free of decorations, signage, music or audio effects that seek to harass or discriminate against any other group. Please refrain from any behaviors that would demean any segment of our community.
- Displays of sovereign, foreign governments, flags, crests or symbols will be subject to review and approval.
- Seditious, criminal or otherwise subversive organizations' representations are strictly prohibited.
- The purpose of the parade is entertainment. The Committee does not discriminate against any units based on race, creed, religion, sex, National origin or sexual preference. As a general rule, we do not accept political or social action units.
- Weapons or any depictions of violence, drugs or illegal activities, implied or demonstrated, are strictly prohibited. Squirt guns may not be used at any time during the parade. Water balloons or other harmful objects may not be thrown from entries during the parade. Drones and fireworks are not allowed. Riders must stay on their floats at all times and may not jump on or off during the parade.
- Go-peds are prohibited per Florida State Statutes.
- Generators or other equipment that use flammable fuel will not be allowed on the float.

The conduct and movement of the parade will be under the command of the Broward Sheriff's Office as the parade leader. Each participant will be expected to keep pace and maintain a proper interval of not less than 15 feet and not more than 25 feet throughout the parade. Anyone who operates a vehicle unsafely or who fails to obey any police officer or parade official will be immediately removed from the parade.

By signing my name below, I certify that I have read and agree with the above information.

Sign: _____ Print: _____

For more information, please contact the Parks and
Leisure Services Department at **954.630.4500**

